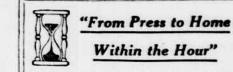
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URGES PEOPLE HERE PICK GOVERNMENT

District Delegate Association Asks Joint Select Committee to Recommend Vote.

WOULD GIVE RESIDENTS AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN

Favors Giving Real Hearing to Citizens as a Whole in Acting on Vital Question.

A referendum of the whole question relating to the District government to the people of the National Capital is suggested in a letter addressed today to the joint select committee of Co gress investigating the fiscal relations between the United States and the District of Columbia, by Roy C. Claffin, chairman of the District Delegate As-

This letter urges that the congressional committee make no recommen-dations for a change in the District government or the fiscal relations between the United States and the District at this time. It asks the con mittee to recommend to Congress that a popular election be held in the District in the near future to puss upon these questions, so that Congress may know just what the people of the District really do want.

Mr. Claffin's Letter.

Mr. Claffin, speaking for the District Delegate Association, said in this letter: 'I desire to present for your considera tion the following proposition, on behalf of the District Delegale Association:
"We believe the first logical reform in
the affairs of the District of Columbia
should be that its people be provided with
an official spokesman, a representative
elected by them at a properly authorized
and conducted election, who could thus
speak for them with due and legal anfor them with due and legal au-

natters now stand there is no

mised,
"Our proposition is that the whole people of the District should be given a real hearing—an opportunity to express officially their majority sentiment regarding this question which is so vital to their government. It affects the community as a whole and the community as a whole and the community as a whole should be heard from before a radical change is made. No man should be accepted by your committee as a spokesman for the local people, and no man should presume to exercise that preregative under the present circumstances of the District of Columbia.

Election Is Advocated.

Our proposition is that Congress, in question and on other questions affecting their government acted by the second of the

Give Residents a Voice.

"While the present form of governoperated over thirty-five years with all peaceful, just and successful arrangeprovements can be made to bring it up date. But to make these improvements it is not necessary to aproot the entire foundation. "The greatest needed improvement, one

which must and will come, for it is right, is that the people of the District shall be represented and given a voice in their own government. This is right this right to the Dis-

larly of those who are most affecte by it, the people of the District of Co lumbia

For Delegate in Congress.

"We, the District Delegate Associagress. We do not believe that will be once and will, in addition to its consequent advantages, be a step in the right direction. Our representation should finally consist of at least two voting members of the House of Ren esentatives and at least one member

clusion, I urge that your com

reduced way naving adjourned un-reduced way morning at 10 o'clock, it will resume public hearings, for Chilton, chairman of the com-e, was out of the city today, as Representative Gard of Ohio, who to his home to vote in the elec-here tomorrow.

Will Give Hearing to All.

Members of the committee today ex-pressed the hope that the hearings would be completed some time next week. Had it not been for the recess taken until Wednesday, the hearings could have been completed this week, they believed. It was said today that it was the desire of the committeemen It was the desire of the committeemen to give every one an opportunity to be heard fully, and that the committee was most anxious to bring about a solution of the questions involved which would set at rest the controversy which has reged about the District of Columbia in recent years.

The committee is anxious that when it meets Wednesday all persons who desire to be heard shall be present and so indicate to the committee. The committee is sitting six hours daily, hearing those interested in the question at issue, and it means to maintain this schedule. Therefore it is necessary that as soon as one witness has completed his testimony, another be ready to proceed.

President Wilson Informed No Time Will Be Lost in Revising the Rules.

FIGHT, IF THERE IS ANY, TO BE SHORT AND SHARP

Senator Owen, Chairman of Special Committee, Visits White House Primed With Material.

President Wilson has been man or group of men, even in this ing being conducted by your comes, who has the authority or right ay that he or they represent the alvers or the people of the District olumbia. No one can do so, as the fict people have had no opportute authorize any one to speak for a No one officially knows the may sentiment of the people of the fict; at best it can only be surdict. will permit the previous parliamentary question to be moved without unnecessary delay, right down the throats of the opposition in as short a time as possible.

According to the democratic plan the fight in the Senate, if there is to be any, will be short and sharp, and when the upper house of Congress finally gets down to a consideration of real business it will do so under new rules, the chief feature of which will provide for shutting off all debate that is apsession, shall authorize the parently not sincere and which will citizens of the District to hold an elec- enable the majority of the body to tion, express their views on this fiscal transact business with genuine dis-

Search Owen, Primed With Material

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Half Demand New Rules.

Forty-three Senate democrats signed given a voice the demand for new rules, and this is town.
This is right half the Senate. New democratic senof ators coming in are to give their support to the forty-three and further accessions are expected by democratic rict people and the necessary reforms cessions are expected by democratic begain digging trenches well inside the will gradually work themselves out, leaders from Senators La Follette, line already constructed. They are so and in a more satisfactory manner than Clapp, Cummins and possibly other situated as to control the eastern end There is too much politics in the progressive republicans who have long of Agua Prieta as well as the advanc-

country in general and not eaough in the District of Columbia.

"The men of Congress cannot truly sense our local needs. We must work out our own salvation. Give us the opportunity to get together at the policy and we will tell you what we need better than you can figure it out in the light of the problems of your respective communities. Our conditions here are peculiar to ourselves. Give us the peculiar to ourselves. Give us the process of you, and in a way that will be fair and honest to you as well as to ourselves. This is a practical and vital question. Justice cannot be done it in a few months' time by a small committee, however competent it may be, and even though each member conscious deven though each member conscious deration of many minds, particularly of the provision to get through legislation.

Deen invergants would in taking a mentary methods.

President Wilson is not taking a mentary in power in the winder shad in the contest, but is interested in the plan of the majority. One great for the plan of the majority. One great the policy of the plan of the majority. One great for the plan of the majority. One great the policy of the plan of the majority. One great for the plan of the majority. One great in the polar of the majority. One great for the plan of the majority of the plan of the majority of the plan of the majority. One gre

Evacuation of Riva Ordered.

VERONA, Italy, October 31, via Paris, November 1.—Austrian prisoners state serted, "Americans or no Americans." that the entire civil population has believe that this community been ordered to evacuate Riva at the he added: "There is food and rest for should be granted a delegate in Con- northern extremity of Lake Garda in northern extremity of Lake Garda in the Tyrol, although strong reinforcements have arrived from Innisbruck no matter, it will be ours." sufficient. But that, is something which ments have arrived from Innisbruck can be brought about practically at to oppose the Italian advance in this

Narrow Escape From Flames.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., November 1 .-The Rev. D. A. Ferguson and his wife narrowly escaped with their lives when destroyed the Presbyterian Church

HOSTILE MEXICANS BEGIN A BATTLE

Decisive Conflict Opened Between the Forces of the Belligerents at Agua Prieta.

FIGHTING TAKES PLACE AT TOWN ON U. S. BORDER

Villa Denounces This Government for Permitting Carranza Troops to Pass Over American Soil.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., November 1 .- The struggle between the Villa army and arranza forces for possession of Agua rieta, the border town opposite here egan at 10 o'clock today, when the ame in contact with the outposts o ne defenders. The Carranza outposts pened fire, then fell back to the enches surrounding the Mexican

Villa moved his entire force estimat d at about 10,000 men, under cover o a dense haze of Douglas copper smel-ter smoke. The first clash occurred

about three miles east of Agua Prieta Villa Is Confident.

Gen. Villa himself, with four officers came to the American line to get the bearings of the boundary line. "Do you expect to take Agua Prieta today," a United States army staff fficer asked

"Sure, Mike," replied Villa, grinning It was the only English he spoke It was the only English he spoke. United States army officers do not be-lieve, however, that he intends to at-tack in earnest until tomorrow. In Spanish Villa inquired whether the United States intended to help Gen. Calles' garrison at Agua Prieta in view of the fact that the American govern-ment had recognized Carranza and as-sisted reinforcements in reaching Gen. sted reinforcements in reaching Gen

He was assured that the American He was assured that the American forces in the trenches facing the prospective Mexican battlefield would treat both sides alike.

There must be no firing across the ine, he was told.

Villa said he did not intend firing across the line. For this reason he wanted to get his bearings on the boundary.

Dawn disclosed the fact that Gen. Willa's forces had moved closer to Agua

illa's forces had moved closer to Agua trieta during the night for their ex-ected attack upon the Carranza garri-on commanded by Gen. P. Elias Calles. night passed quietly, no clashes ag reported. The opposing forces tly around Agua Prieta in a semi-morning were early alert, ready for attle which is expected to have an ortant hearing on the internal situatin Mexico.

important bearing on the internal situation in Mexico.

Gen. Villa's troops were spread out circle from east to south, about five miles out. Gens. Urbalejo and Antonio Mendez, the latter commander of the advance guard, which had a skirmish with Carranza troops at Cabullona, are at points west of Agua Prieta, one in the vicinity of Anayacachi, mas the

Searchlights Sweep the Desert.

can garrison, all of classes not legally admissible to the United States, waited on the international border for permission to cross and enter a detention camp when the fighting actually begins.

The hospital and detention camp has been located in an isolated part of Douglas.
Gen. Calles maintained headquarters an American keeper of a curio store in Agua Prieta, who went through two previous battles in the Mexican town, She said today she expected to remain there throughout the coming fight, despite the long-range field artillery there throughout the coming fight, despite the long-range field artillery Villa is reported to have trained on the

United States Soldiers in Trenches.

Early today United States soldiers begain digging trenches well inside the been inveighing against the old parlia- ing right wing of Villa's army. It was emergency use in the event of serious female employes to work more than in no less than 1,800 counties, where has gering Americans and the possibility than forty-eight hours in any one

reinforcements had been transported over American territory. "Agua Prieta will be mine," he as-

Pointing his finger toward the town

Considers U. S. Ungrateful. Suddenly Villa asked again if it were

true that the United States government had permitted Gen. Carranza to transport reinforcements over American territory. He then said:
"This is the way the United States re-



Carranza Will Assist in Suppressing Bandits Along Mexican Border

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., November 1 .-Robert V. Pesqueira, personal repre sentative of Gen. Carranza, states that a commission will be appointed by the vicinity of Anavacachi pass, the de facto government of Mexico within a few days to co-operate with United ther near Naco.

This force totals in the neighborhood States officials in suppressing bandit 2,000 soldiers, the majority being activity along the Texas-Mexican bor-

Mr. Pesqueira conferred with Gov

declared, "Gen. Carranza is determined to have peace on the border, and such steps as will be necessary to insure American officials will be taken."

EIGHT-HOUR LAW UPHELD IN CASE OF DRESSMAKER

Appellate Court Affirms the Jury's Verdict Against Susan H. Hotchkiss.

business conducts a manufacturing es-tablishment and is amenable to the State Department advices are District Court of Appeals today in an conventions will select delegates to

The appellate court affirms the verdict of a jury in the Police Court, which The object of the national convention held Susan H. Hotchkiss to have violated the law by working female employes more than eight hours, by fail-

Not Applied in Every Case.

within the limitations of the statute within the limitations of the statute. The act applies only to manufacturing establishments. The word establishment in this connection has a well defined meaning. It is a place devoted, as in the present case, to dressmaking—a place where the public is invited to come and have its work done—as distinguished from a mere itinerant dressmaker who maintains no fixed place in maker who maintains no fixed place in of the republic. which to conduct her business."

New Requirements for Tourists. Travelers landing in Egypt hereafter must have passports yroperly viseed by a British consular officer. Certificates

I can fight my battles. Let them fight theirs. "I can whip Carranza and his entire army, but it is asking a great deal to whip the United States also; but I suppose I can do that, too." OF CHILDREN OF CHINA'S PLANS PRESIDENT'S WEDDING

Rejects Proposals to Put Off Consideration of Changing Form of Government.

ENVOYS OF RUSSIA, JAPAN AND ENGLAND SO NOTIFIED

tranquillity in the event of re-establishment of the monarchy. Tsao Yulin with the thanked the powers for their friendly interest in the welfare of China. He said the decision concerning a change in the hands of the people, and that therefore it would be impossible to adopt the suggestion for a postponement.

was verbal, as were the representa-

cial sources in China makes it appear that the triumph of the monarchial idea in the elections now in progress in China is almost certain, and it is A dressmaker having a fixed place of possible that the change in the form of

eight hours in any one day or more the electors are now choosing delemeet as a national convention in Peking.

primarily was to pass upon the work of the council of state, which has been revising the Chinese constitution, As and by failing to keep a time book an after thought, the central government decided to submit to the national citizens' convention the question of the re-establishment of the monarchy. "But it is not to be understood," says Accordingly, in the call issued for the Justice Van Orsdel, "that every one provincial elections now in progress who may be employed to make a dress the government suggested that the within the Distirct of Columbia comes delegates to be chosen by the provincial conventions be instructed how to vote on this important question. It is expected that the work of the local con-20, and the national citizens' convention will meet at Peking immediately after that date to determine the fate

U. S. to Take No Action.

the spread of republican ideas of gov-ernment in the far east, as evidenced

House Ceremony Will Take Place "Near the Close of December."

ON GERMAN QUESTIONS

the United States regarding the sinking of the liner Lusitania and other nuestions pending between the two nations will be resumed tomorrow, when Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, will call upon Secretary Lansing at the State Department. The question of indemnity for Americans. lost in the sinking of the Arabic still government will be announced before is unsettled and probably will be

The belief prevailed among State De-"eight-hour" law if she requires her effect that elections are now in progress partment officials that Secretary Lansing would officially make known to the German ambassador the result of orty-eight hours in any one gates to provincial conventions, which the examination of the steel fragment will meet at the local capitals. These which naval experts believe was part of a torpedo. The German government in a note has denied that the Hespewas torpedoed by a German sub-

> LONDON, November 1, 1:04 p.m. Lewis Waller, the actor, died this

actors of England. He first appeared thereafter played in the English prov-

-The Dagblad says a battle took

SUFFRAGISTS CLOSE BULGARS BOMBARD BATTLE FOR BALLOT

New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Leaders Sanguine of Victory.

QUESTION OVERSHADOWS OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

'Antis" Are Equally Confident of Defeating Amendment in Tomorrow's Election.

NEW YORK, November 1.-Suffragists f New York state will close their fight or the ballot today with all their campaign machinery running full speed ndismayed by the defeat of the suffrage amendment two weeks ago in the neighboring state of New Jersey, their leaders declare that the largest state n the Union would grant votes to

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the Empire state campaign commit ee, said that the suffragists had made an actual house-to-house campaign all over the state, and that this was the basis for their declaration that 1,000,000 comen in New York state wanted to

The leaders of the women's organizations against suffrage predicted the defeat of the amendment by a large majority. Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, and Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of the New York Anti-Suffrage Association, thought that New York city would give a majority of 100,000 against the proposition, with a much smaller majority outside this city.

Autos Loaded With Speakers.

Sixty automobiles loaded with speak ers for suffrage left the Battery this morning for a final effort, which will continue until midnight. Ten vans, carrying huge signs lettered with safrage appeals, traversed the streets. frage appeals, traversed the streets.

The activity of the campaigners for and against the suffrage amendment has overshadowed the efforts of the male political workers on the question of adopting a new state constitution. The constitutional questions are the only state-wide ones to be presented at tomorrow's election. All the enrolled democratic voters of New York county received today letters signed by the executive committee of Tammany Hall advising them to "protect your city by voting against the constitution." by voting against the constitution.
Robert S Rinnerd secretary Robert S. Binnerd, secretary of the committee for adoption of the constitu-tion, predicted the adoption of the proposi-tion by about 75,000 votes.

200 Meetings in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., November 1 .-Voman suffragists who are asking the men of Pennsylvania to give women the right to vote, made their final appeal today, more than 200 meetings having been arranged for in different frontier near Strumitsa, parts of the city. Hundreds of automobiles carried speakers, along with

distribute literature.

Several twelve-hour mass meetings without intermission were in progress in the business district today, the woman speakers attracting large crowds. All over the state reports indicate the suffragists are making a visorous final delay for victory.

President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will take place "near the close of December" and that it will be private at Mrs. Galt's home here.

vigorous final drive for victory. Organizations opposed to equal suffrage were also active today, but their meetings were not so numerous.

The suffragists are not making expectations of victory but expectations. This statement was issued by Secre-tary Tumulty: "In order to quiet spec-men will give the women the right to The anti-suffragists predict de

decisive vote. Both Sides Confident at Boston.

BOSTON. November 1.-Democratic and republican leaders alike assert their No invitations confidence of victory in tomorrow's election and a similar optimism prevails in the rival camps of the suffragists and the "antis." Progressives, prohibitionists and so-

cialists voiced their belief that their vote would be an important factor in the result, although they made no claim of victory. "An anti-suffrage sweep," was pre-

Ambassador von Bernstorff to Call

on Secretary Lansing at the
State Department.

She said the majority against shringe would be at least 100,000 votes.

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for the cause.

Gov. Walsh, head of the democratic ticket, says: "I expect to be re-elected by not less than 20,000, and possibly as Republican leaders claim that Samuel W. McCall, their gubernatorial candi-

Four Proposed Amendments to Be Voted for in Maryland

votes.

special Correspondence of The Star. ROCKVILLE, Md., November 1 .- Four proposed amendments to the constitu- themselves in the Rabuna defile, where tion of the state, all of great importance, will be voted upon at tomorrow's election in this county—namely, the home rule, referendum, classification for taxation and parole and indeterfor taxation and parole and indeterform the form of the state, all of great importance will be defensive in the direction of t tion of the state, all of great importhe examination of the steel fragment election in this county-namely, the minate sentence amendments.

The proposed home-rule amendment, which has been indorsed by both parties, is designed to permit Baitimore sity and each of the counties, by gen- Paris, October 31, 4:35 p.m. (delayed ocal legislative bodies.

ter legislation upon local matters, be- tion in Serbia met with failure. cause of the local legislating body den of local legislation, and thus enin 1883 at the age of twenty-three, and able it to devote its entire attention to state affairs.

Referendum Is Proposed. The proposed referendum amendment

provides that any act passed by the legislature affecting the entire state could be required to be submitted to a vote of the people of the entire state. before any act could be submitted, however, 10,000 registered voters, not more than one-half of whom shall be residents of Baltimore city, must file a petition with the secretary of state not later than June 1 following the adjournment of the legislature which enacted the measure. The voters would pass upon it at the (Continued on Second Page.)

BRITISH AID SERBS

ONE CENT.

Berlin Announces Capture of Kraguyevatz, Where Serbian Arsenal Is Located.

Necessary Before Russ

SERBS IN DESPERATE PERIL

British Military Expert Thinks Only Chance of Escape Lies in Retirement to the Adriatic Coast.

BERLIN, November 1, by wireless to Sayville, L. I .-Bulgarian artillery that has advanced from Kniazevac and Pirot has begun a bombardment of the exterior forts of Nish, according to a dispatch from Sofia given out today by the Overseas News Agency.

BERLIN, November 1, via Amsterdam and London, 4:55 p.m.—The Serbian town of Kraguyevatz, at which is located the great Serbian arsenal, has been taken by the Germans.

British on Firing Line.

LONDON, November 1, 12:17 p.m.—The British troops in the Balkans, whose movements have ben kept secret since they poured into Saloniki, prepared to rush through Greece to the assistance of Serbia, are now in the trenches with their Balkan allies at grips with Bulgaria just across the

Though all reports that the alabout 906 women who were enlisted to lies have taken this town appar-

their opponents. From Uskup north to the Danube the Bulgarian offensive has made such prog ress that it seems to be out of the question for the Serbians to do much more than fight rearguard actions for the present. With Pirot in their hands feat for the suffrage amendment by a the Bulgarians are menacing Nish more

seriously than the Austro-German forces, based on the Save and Danub crossings. In northeastern Serbia the Bulgarians, well across the Timok river, are pressing forward vigorously in

order to widen the line of communications with Hungary up the Danube valley. No Word of Russians.

The much-discussed Russian expedition which is reported to be on the way to the Bulgarian coast, now estimated at 200,000 men, has not been dicted by Mrs. John Balch, president of heard from again. There are recurrent

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Serbs Fail at Veles.

garia.

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Athens says:

"Unofficial advices from Saloniki say the Serbians attacked the Bulgarian positions in the district of Koprulu (Veles) without success, owing to the numerical superiority of the Bulgarians, who continue their advance. A large portion of the Serbian forces retreated in good order and fortifled they will take the defensive if the

French Repulse Bulgarians. SALONIKI, Greece, October 21, via

eral grant from the legislature, to in transmission).-An attempt made control distinctly local matters through yesterday by the Bulgarians with the aid of artiliery to dislodge French In this way it is hoped to obtain bet- troops from their northernmost posi-A few advance posts scouting in the being closer and more responsible to direction of Veles retired before a Bulthe local citizenry. The proposed home rule would also mean that the legislature would be freed of the vast burture would legislation, and thus entire in the attacked this position three times. The Bulgarians were caught in a cross-fire of the French artillery and stopped when they were met by a fusillade from

Finally the French charged with the bayonet, and the Bulgarians were driven into the Vardar river, which is swollen by recent rains, and many were drowned.

It is asserted that Kotchanic pass
has been reconquered by the French,
and that the Veles district has been
freed of the Bulgarians, although the

Turkish Troops to Bulgaria. PARIS, November 1 .-- A Havas dispatch from Athens filed yesterday says "It is reported from Constantinople

rarian hands.

own and railroad still remain in Bui-

The vice minister's communication

tions of the three powers. Elections Now in Progress.

Information received here from offi-

State Department advices are to the

entions will be finished by November

Though naturally deeply interested in

ov the cordial message of congratula. The conclusion, I urge that your complete not recommend to Congress a radical change in our local government at the present time, but that you recommend that the citizens of the Distinct of Columbia be authorized to hold an election in the near future, when the fire is unknown.

This is the way the United States of the Presbyterian Church pays me for the treatment and protect of citizenship or passports hereafter of citizenship or passports hereafter and protect the pays me for the treatment and protect of citizenship or passports hereafter in the citizens of the Distinct of the Distinct of the United States.

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MORE WATCHFUL WAITIN G.

Formally Announced at the White

It was formally announced today at

Negotiations between Germany and

LEWIS WALLER, ACTOR, DEAD. Leader of the Stage in England Succumbs to Pneumonia.

morning of pneumonia. Mr. Waller was one of the leading

inces and most of the West End theaaters of London. For a time he managed the Haymarket Theater and recently has been lessee of the Imperial Theater. He played in the United States in the season of 1911-12. Nobody Hurt in Naval Battle. STOCKHOLM, via London, November

DEFENSES OF NISH;

FRENCH WIN A VICTORY,

SAYS A GREEK REPORT More Shelling of Coast May Be

Force Can Land.